

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20713

This legislation would require high population density school districts to utilize the cost per student rider measurement when calculating whether or not such a district is under the statewide pupil transportation cost cap. It also deletes a section of code that requires the State Department of Education to audit the pupil transportation operations of school districts that meet certain criteria. With high population density districts being measured on a cost per rider basis, this audit section is no longer necessary.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will save the state General Fund approximately \$800,000. The Legislature could also re-allocate these dollars as additional discretionary funds to all school districts.

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